the good man does not lie in attacking opinions and continuing to love their propounders, but in the far harder task of defending his own position without causing or Intending to cause bitter heartburns to his opponent. The sword of attack is honest and broad, the sword of defence usually'runs out to a needle point

56.

HONEST TOWARDS HONESTY.—One who is openly honest towards himself ends by being rather conceited about this honesty. He knows only too well why he Is honest—for the same reason that another man prefers outward show and hypocrisy.

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COALS OF FIRE.—The heaping of coals of fire on another's head is generally misunderstood and falls flat, because the other knows himself to be just as much in the right, and on his side too has thought of collecting coals.

58.

DANGEROUS BOOKS.—A man says: "Judging from my own case, I find that this book is harmful." Let him but wait, and perhaps one day he will confess that the book did him a great service by thrust-Ing forward and bringing to light the hidden disease of his soul.—Altered opinions alter not at all (or very little) the character of a man: but they illuminate individual facets of his personality, which hitherto, in another constellation of opinions, had remained dark and unrecognisable.